

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

ASHIKARI, et al.

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Title: METHOD OF BREEDING YEAST

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO BE ENTERED PRIOR
TO CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment of the subject
application prior to calculation of the filing fee of this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6 as follows (see the attached Appendix for the
changes made to effect the below claim):

Q1 Claim 6. (Amended) A yeast of the genus *Saccharomyces* transformed
by the method of claim 3.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment revises the multiple dependent claim 6 to be
a single dependent claim in order to reduce the filing fee.

No new matter has been added.